

INSIGHT INTO THE RECRUITING PROCESS

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WHY PLAY!

- **BECAUSE YOU CAN!**
- **COLLEGE SOCCER IS A GREAT WAY TO GET AN EDUCATION AND STILL PLAY THE SPORT YOU LOVE**
- **RESEARCH AND SPEND THE TIME TO SEE WHERE YOU ARE A FIT**
- **BE A GREAT LEADER AND TEAMMATE!**
- **TO HAVE FUN IN THE BEST SPORT EVER!**



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WHO WANTS TO PLAY

- **ID KIDS IN YOUR PROGRAM THAT WANT TO PLAY AT THE NEXT LEVEL**
- **THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF SCHOOLS TO CHOOSE FROM**
- **KEEP THE DREAM REALISTIC**
- **IT IS NOT TOO LATE**
- **ENCOURAGE, FREE MONEY, EXPERIENCE**



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WHERE CAN I PLAY

**UNDERSTAND WHERE YOUR STUDENT
ATHLETES CAN PLAY...**

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Championship Information



38th ANNUAL WOMEN'S
SOCCER
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- SMALLER SCHOOLS
- BIG ATHLETIC PROGRAM
- DIFFERENT RULES VS NCAA
- MORE FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES
- HAVE LESS RESTRICTIONS ON COACHES AND ATHLETES



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DOES NAIA OFFER ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS?

Yes, each year over **\$500 million in athletic scholarships** are awarded to student-athletes competing at NAIA institutions. All scholarships are equivalency scholarships, meaning a single scholarship can be divided up between multiple athletes. Each sport has a maximum number of scholarships they are allowed to provide. Similar to most athletic scholarships, NAIA scholarships are not guaranteed year to year and need to be renewed at the discretion of the coach/school.

www.playnaia.org

- **There are over 250 schools** and 60,000 athletes competing at the NAIA level in college. They comprise mostly smaller private colleges.
- **Soccer 12 scholarships**



THE NCAA



The primary functions of the compliance office are to **administer, monitor, and verify the accurate completion of NCAA required documentation, to assist in maintaining institutional compliance with NCAA rules, and reporting infractions or violations of rules to the NCAA**



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NCAA DI, DII, DIII

- **DI W 333 SOCCER 14**
- **DI M 205 SOCCER, 9.9**
- **DII W, 265 programs**
- **DII M 214 programs**
- **DIII WOMEN'S 441**
- **DIII M 415**
- **MEN'S NAIA 188, 12**
- **W NAIA**
- **4 YEAR INTERCOLLEGIATE EXPERIENCE**
- **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- **NCAA Division III is only academic \$\$**



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NJCAA-JUCO



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- 2 YEAR INTERCOLLEGIATE EXPERIENCE
- NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
- NJCAA I
- NJCAA II
- NJCAA III
- SCHOLARSHIPS

UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS

- **DON'T ASSUME PARENTS AND PLAYERS KNOW THE PROCESS**
- **THE PROCESS IS DIFFERENT FOR EACH LEVEL & EACH PLAYER**
- **FIRM DEADLINES & APPLICATIONS**
- **KIDS FORGET DETAILS**
- **KEEP A JOURNAL/NOTES/TIMELINE**



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NAVIGATING THE PROCESS



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EXPOSURE

- CLUB SOCCER
- HS SOCCER
- CAMPS/CLINICS
- RECRUITING SERVICES
- SOCIAL MEDIA

RECRUITING

- CLUB SOCCER
- HS SOCCER
- CAMPS/CLINICS
- ONLINE
- GRAD EARLY
- 4 YEAR
- 2 YEAR

SCHOLARSHIP

- OFFERS
- VISITS
- NLI/FAA
- TRANSFERS
- FASFA
- GRANTS
- ALSTON

NAVIGATING THE PROCESS

EXPLORE

- CLUB SOCCER
- HS SOCCER
- CAMPS/CLINICS
- ONLINE

SIGN

- CLUB SOCCER
- HS SOCCER
- CAMPS/CLINICS
- ONLINE
- GRAD EARLY
- 4 YEAR
- 2 YEAR

PREPARE

- OFFERS
- VISITS
- NLI/FAA
- TRANSFER PORTAL



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NCAA DIVISION I, II, III

- **NCAA I**
 - **Big football, more pressure, more \$, time**
- **NCAA II “LIFE IN THE BALANCE”**
 - **Smaller budget, less scholarship, more time for academic balance**
- **NCAA III No athletic scholarship, academic load is higher, more restrictions on athletic hours**



THE ELIGIBILITY CENTER

- **NES WHERE STUDENT ATHLETES NEED TO ENROLL TO MEET ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC REQUIREMENTS**
- **HOW MANY COACHES (BOTH HS AND CLUB) DO NOT KNOW THIS.?**
- **HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR-CORE CLASSES**



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THE NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY CENTER



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- **1ST STEP IN THE PROCESS**
- **ALL NCAA I, II, III LEVEL ATHLETES NEED TO REGISTER**
- **ATHLETE PORTAL**
- **TEST RESULTS ACT/SAT**
- **CORE CLASSES/GPA**
- **AMATEURISM**
- **OFFICIAL VISITS**
- **DEADLINES**
- **9TH GRADE**



NCAA
GUIDE FOR
THE COLLEGE-BOUND
STUDENT-ATHLETE

WAYS OF EXPOSURE

- **CLUB SOCCER**
- **SHOWCASES/TOURNAMENTS**
- **CAMPS/CLINICS**
- **HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER**
- **SEMI PRO SUMMER LEAGUE**



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WATCHING LOCAL GAMES AND ESPN



- **IN PERSON**
- **DON'T ASSUME THEY CAN PLAY THERE**
- **DON'T ASSUME THEY CANNOT PLAY THERE**
- **WATCH THEM IN CLUB**
- **SEND FILM**
- **ACCURATE PLAYER EVALUATION BASED ON YOUR LEVEL**





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***ATTEND LOCAL
COLLEGE ID CAMP
CLINICS***



PLAYER PROFILES

- **SOCCER RESUME**
- **LINKS/Level of competition**
- **REFERENCES**
- **EXTRA CURRICULAR**
- **AWARDS AND HONORS**
- **OTHER SPORTS**



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I am contacting you in regards to the upcoming ECNL showcase that will be held in Somerset, the 29th. I'm still exploring my college options and I am very interested in the University of Ho you could watch me play at this event.

Below is my game schedule.

Game 1 (Saturday, May 27, 2023)

PDA - Field # 4

Time: 2:00 PM

Opponent: WNY Flash Composite ECNL G06

Location:

PDA

1 Upper Pond Road

Somerset, NJ 08873

Game 2 (Sunday, May 28, 2023)

Morningside Farm - Field # 12

Time: 8:00 AM

Opponent: FL Premier FC ECNL G06

Location:

Morningside Farm

5 Manville Causeway

Somerset, NJ 08873

Game 3 (Monday, May 29, 2023)

PDA - Field # 2

Time: 7:30 AM

Opponent: Placer United ECNL G06





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Cell # ~~79091~~ 310-5490

Class of 2024

Goalkeeper / Jersey #1

Club: Pateadores ECNL

High School: Ruben S. Ayala High School

NCAA ID# 2209675176

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- **EDUCATION**
- **PRICE**
- **PLAYING TIME**
- **VALUES & TEAM CULTURE**
- **COACH EXPERIENCE, REPUTATION**
- **LOCATION, CLIMATE & SIZE**
- **TRANSPORTATION**



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COMMUNICATION

- **EMAIL**
- **TWITTER**
- **INSTAGRAM**
- **COACHES DIRECTLY**
- **CONTINUE OR END RESPECT THE PROCESS**



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SCHOLARSHIPS

- **ATHLETIC**
- **ACADEMIC**
- **STACKED, PARTIAL, FULL**
- **FULL RIDES-DON'T BE FOOLED**
- **PRIVATE INFORMATION DON'T TALK ABOUT IT**



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SCHOLARSHIPS

- **VALID FOR 1 YEAR or 4 YR**
- **SIGN ON SIGNING DAY**
- **NLI: NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT**
- **FAA: FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENT**
- **HOLD UP YOUR END OF THE BARGAIN**



SILLY SOCCER TALK

- **ONLY HIGH PROFILE PLAYERS GET SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **I PLAYED ECNL, I SHOULD BE D1**
- **ID CAMPS ARE A MONEY MAKER**
- **I SHOULD GET A FULL RIDE**
- **MY ROOMMATE GOT A BUMP IN \$, SO I WANTED ONE TOO...**



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THE FACTS

- COLLEGE SOCCER IS HARD, BUT FUN
- THIS IS A MATCHMAKING BUSINESS
- NO ONE OWES YOU ANYTHING
- YOU HAVE TO WORK FOR WHAT YOU GET
- UNDERSTAND YOUR NEEDS, NOT YOUR PARENTS NEEDS...
- YOU SHOULD WANT TO PLAY NOT BE A #



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WHAT DO COACHES LOOK FOR

- GAME UNDERSTANDING/PROACTIVE
- TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY/POSITIONALLY
- LEVEL OF ATHLETE/SPAQ
- BRAVERY, CONFIDENCE, COMPETITIVE
- ACADEMIC RESUME
- CHARACTER/COACHES REFERENCES
- HOW YOU TREAT YOUR PARENTS & TEAMMATES
- OVER 3 OR 4 EVALUATIONS



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TRANSFERS

- **WHY**
- **TRANSFER PORTAL**
- **JUCO TO A 4 YEAR/YOUR CLOCK STARTS AT FULL TIME**
- **2-4-2, 4-4, 4-2-4**
- **RED SHIRT**
- **5TH YEAR/SUPER SENIORS**



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COLLEGE LIFE

- **TRAVEL/TIME MANAGEMENT**
- **FITNESS/STRENGTH & CONDITIONING**
- **NAVIGATING INJURIES**
- **NUTRITION**
- **ACADEMIC ADVISING/TUTORS & SH**
- **PLAYING TIME**
- **ROOMMATES/HOUSING**



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THANK YOU!



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